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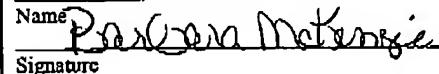
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Title: REGENERATION OF ARTICULAR
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OF THE INTRARTICULAR APPLICATION OF A MIXTURE OF
SODIUMHYALURONATE AND CHONDROITIN SULFATE IN A GEL
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RESPONSE

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Sir:

This letter is in response to my telephone conversation with Examiner Ganapathy Krishnan of Friday, January 21, 2005.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

REMARKS

Applicant appreciates the time taken by the Examiner to review Applicants' present application and to discuss the condition of the application prior to issuance, relative to the Notice of Allowance mailed August 11, 2004. As discussed with the Examiner, Applicant encloses the following requested documents.

1. A revised specification with Figures 7-15 removed is included. The specification was revised to include appropriate references to the new Figures 7-15 and to correct minor grammatical errors. Figures 7-15 are now included with originally submitted Figures 1-6 and are specifically labeled as Figures 7-15. The application will now consist of Figures 1-15. For the Examiner's convenience we have included a complete set of Figures. Please note that the Examiner already has in his possession Formal Drawings for Figures 1-6. Applicant believes that the new Figures 7-15 will meet the specification of the Patent Office.
2. A copy of the Notice of Allowance and Fee(s) due, mailed August 11, 2004 is included.
3. A copy of Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal submitted to the Patent Office on September 17, 2004.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that with the submission of these documents the application is now in condition for issuance. For the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully request that a patent be issued.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone or facsimile if the Examiner believes that such a communication would advance the issuance of the present invention.

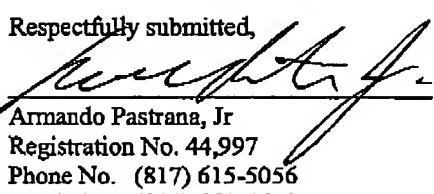
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